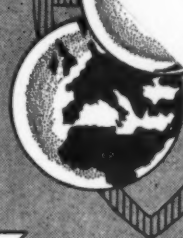


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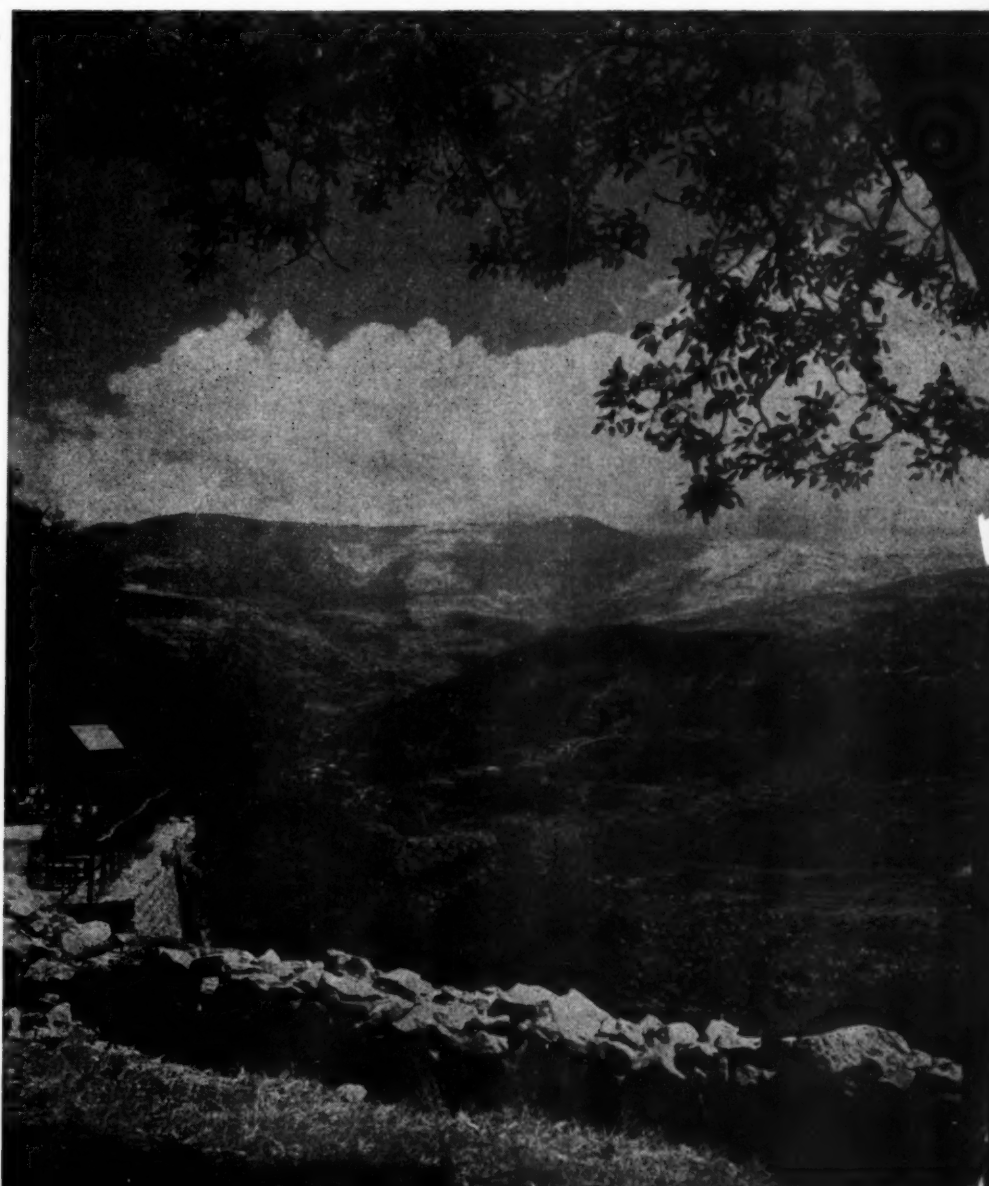
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NOTICE

I am open for calls in the evangelistic work in the states of Washington and Oregon.—Elsie Burch, Box 635, Ryderwood, Wash.

Annual Convention of the National Association of Evangelicals

TIME: May 3-6, 1948
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday.

PLACE: Congress Hotel
520 S. Michigan Boulevard,
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All sessions, including conferences, exhibits, and board meetings, will be held in the Congress Hotel.

OBITUARIES

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints," Ps. 116:15.

HOY

Mrs. Fanny Hoy, a charter member of the Church of God at Norfolk, Virginia, died August 28, 1947. She was sixty-nine years of age and was a faithful worker for the Lord.—Mrs. H. E. Sells.

Report for First Quarter, 1948

	Orphanage	Missions
Alabama	\$2,416.03	\$ 7,489.30
Arizona	137.34	250.33
Arkansas	224.80	220.88
California	485.14	383.26
Colorado	24.19	17.00
Connecticut	11.25	9.86
Delaware	25.98	65.65
Dist. of Columbia	20.37	36.66
Florida	1,850.97	2,118.84
Georgia	1,209.23	10,044.61
Idaho	37.44	46.10
Illinois	1,159.86	572.48
Indiana	140.35	257.71
Iowa	79.84	59.75
Kansas	147.95	108.87
Kentucky	612.22	591.77
Louisiana	393.69	227.88
Maine	48.82	32.62
Maryland	329.95	248.79
Massachusetts	5.72	5.67
Michigan	289.94	1,410.43
Minnesota	18.38	10.76
Mississippi	345.10	219.14
Missouri	381.41	374.19
Montana	72.86	72.67
Nebraska	22.54	2.62
Nevada		75.00
New Jersey	22.62	81.11
New Mexico	112.93	76.79
New York	2.30	44.65
North Carolina	3,420.78	2,550.35
North Dakota	87.62	159.21
Ohio	648.87	1,019.73
Oklahoma	263.90	257.97
Oregon	30.94	21.69
Pennsylvania	557.86	1,169.85
South Carolina	2,531.95	5,420.83
South Dakota	72.90	141.35
Tennessee	1,066.81	6,127.83
Texas	658.72	720.36
Virginia	380.04	661.15
Washington	59.29	67.64
West Virginia	1,308.74	1,280.79
Wisconsin	11.68	38.34
Wyoming	4.43	
Canada	43.38	71.43
Hawaii	25.44	
Miscellaneous	.21	47.20
Total	\$21,802.78	\$44,911.11

BELL

Mr. Charles Henry Bell was born June 7, 1878, and passed away suddenly on August 14, 1947. He was a loyal and faithful member of the Church of God at Norfolk, Virginia.—Mrs. H. E. Sells.

O'BANNON

Brother Frank O'Bannon, age seventy-one, slipped away to be with Jesus on January 22, 1948. His death occurred unexpectedly in the church he helped to build. For years he was

a member and a staunch supporter of the Church of God in LaBelle, Florida. He gave the lots on which the present church and parsonage are located, also donated building material. Surviving are his wife, four sons, two daughters, one brother, and one sister, grandchildren, and a great host of friends. Funeral services were held in the church that he loved and in which he died, with Rev. Walter Whidden and Rev. W. C. Howard officiating.—W. C. Howard, Pastor.

JUMP

On Saturday, February 21, the death angel came and called our loving father, J. H. Jump, to be with Jesus, at the age of seventy-nine years. He was a Christian for a number of years. We know our loss is heaven's gain. He leaves to mourn his death a wife, two children, and eight grandchildren.—Mrs. Mamie Chance, Newberry, Fla.

12 WELL-KNOWN HYMNS

"Saviour, When in Dust to Thee"

"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"

"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast"

"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

"All Glory Be to God on High"

"Holy Lord, We Praise Thy Name"

"Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray"

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

"Christ, the Life of All the Living"

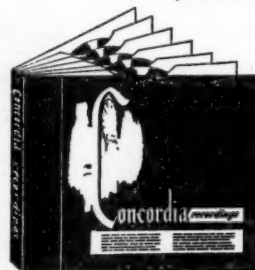
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Text: 2 Cor. 6:17, "Be ye separate."
INTRODUCTION

"Separation" as relates to the scriptures is twofold: (1) from whatever is contrary to the mind of God, and (2) unto God Himself. The underlying principle is in the fact that God cannot bless and use those who are compromising with evil. Separation from evil implies separation in desire, motive, and act, from the world in the bad sense of this world system. When Abram was seventy-five years old, he separated from his homeland, kindred, and friends. God demanded this, and for his personal good it must be done. His obedience was followed with the promise, "I will bless thee, and make thy name great, and I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." Therefore, we suggest that

SEPARATION IS NECESSARY BECAUSE GOD DEMANDS IT

Let us read the verse of scripture from which we have selected our text: 2 Cor. 6:17, "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you." What Paul means here is clearly explained in verses 14-16—unbelief, unrighteousness, darkness (usually meaning sin), ungodliness, infidelity, idolatry, all of which are usually indulged in by the people, and in many cases by professing Christians. God demands that His people separate themselves from such, and if we would have His blessings upon our lives, we must obey His command. In Romans 12:2, Paul said, "Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind." This is a very plain scripture, and easy to understand. There is no reason for men going wrong in the face of such plain teachings—"Be not conformed to this

Separation

Rev. T. W. Godwin, Pastor, Brunswick, Ga.

world." Winston says "conform" means to bring into agreement, or to harmonize with a pattern.

My Christian friend, you can not agree or harmonize your talk and walk with the world and satisfy the mind of God.

The outstanding analysis of our subject is separation in desire, motive, and act. We first have a desire, then a motive, after which we act. I feel I am safe in saying that if you have a desire to conform to or pattern after the world, you certainly need to become alarmed at your condition. Thank God for the regenerating power that brings our desires under His control, and under such control the fashions and fads of the world lose their charm for us. Paul said, "Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity" (which is wickedness), 2 Timothy 2:19.

Christian friends, if you have been a recipient of salvation, and have made a public confession and profession, don't tag around after the world and the devil and use their style, make-up and decoration. God demands of you something different.

SEPARATION IS NECESSARY FOR OUR OWN SUCCESS AS CHRISTIANS

1 John 2:15, "Love not the world, neither the things of the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." Upon the authority of this scripture, we are constrained to say, without fear of successful contradiction, that no man can be a successful Christian and associate himself with the devil and his crowd. In every walk of life, a vocation must be a speciality. Therefore, to be a successful Christian, we, as individuals, must specialize in religion. It is needless and perfectly useless for a person to go to the altar and pray and then go out and smoke, chew and curse, go to the show, etc. Such people can never be successful Christians. I have observed cases like this for twenty-five years, and I think I am in a position to speak. Jesus said, "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the

other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon," Matt. 6:24. This is a statement made by Jesus in His Sermon on the Mount relative to the kingdom law of riches, worldly gain or greed which is contrary to the laws of Christ, and they who are deceived thereby cannot expect to excel in religion. How sad when Christians who once had a smile of peace on their lips now decorate with crimson; once had a look of love in their eyes, now



Rev. T. W. Godwin

have a downward look of condemnation. 1 Cor. 3:16, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are."

It is plain that to be a winning Christian and live a victorious life we must sever our relationship with the world, or else we are disowned of God.

SEPARATION IS NECESSARY FOR THE SAKE OF OTHERS

We are to be separate from sinners and abstain from fleshly lust and things that defile and make void our
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BIBLE GLINTS ^{and} Late Events

BY THE EDITOR



WANTED

WANTED—Thoroughly experienced advertising executive for large corporation. Man who can be trusted with important policy matters. Applicant selected must stand rigid tests as to ability, integrity, and character. Apply in person, Room 1452, 642 Broadway.

More than 300 men had answered that advertisement. A cluster of applicants had gathered before eight o'clock the first morning it appeared in the newspapers and by the time the office opened at nine the hallway was a beehive of job hunters.

For two weeks the weeding-out process had continued, until only ten men remained in the running. Jobs like this one weren't doled out every day in the year.

Old "J. B." prided himself on knowing men. He had surrounded himself with a group of keen business brains. Much of the success of his company undoubtedly was due to his ability to "pick 'em," as he termed it.

Everybody agreed that old "J. B." had some funny ideas, but funnier still was the way those ideas usually proved to be right.

The ten immaculately-groomed men were appraising each other stiffly, as they lounged nervously in old "J. B.'s" spacious study. They were there as dinner guests, and for the final showdown.

"It's a toss-up among them," the personal director had told "J. B."

Stiff competition . . . every applicant realized it. Each felt that some trifling incident might be the deciding factor.

A butler appeared with a tray of cocktails.

"The master has been detained," he announced as he served a cocktail to the first of the ten. "He will be a little late." The second man was lifting a cocktail from the tray. "He offers his apologies." A third man hesitated, glanced around at the other nine, and then reached for his drink.

The fourth and fifth joined the others.

The sixth at first declined but took his glass when the butler said: "The master wishes you to enjoy yourselves."

"Thank you . . . I don't drink," the seventh man said. There was a determined quirk at the corner of his mouth that backed up what he said, and the butler moved along. The tray passed along to the eighth, ninth and tenth applicants. Only one drink remained on the tray.

"Let's drink a toast to the lucky man who's going to get this job," somebody suggested, just as old "J. B." stepped into the room.

"A splendid idea, gentlemen," he said. "I want you to drink to the future success of the man whom you yourselves have helped me select for this position. I had no idea the choice would be so easy. Those are costly cocktails you're drinking. They're costing each of you \$6,000 a year. The man I'm hiring is the one man who refused the drink.

"And one thing more, boys. I'm sorry to disappoint you, but that's only ice tea in those cocktail glasses. I wouldn't

have any of the other stuff in my house . . . shall we have dinner now?"

GYPSY SMITH'S MOTTO

Wake up, sing up, preach up, pray up, pay up, stay up, and never give up, or let up, or back up, or shut up, until the cause of Christ in the church and in the world is built up.—*Western Voice*.

SOUTHWESTERN YOUTH CONGRESS OUTSTANDING SUCCESS

"Attendance twice number expected, great singing, great preaching, enthusiastic planning for a greater united front for evangelism" were the basis of the statements made by the Rev. Ralph E. Williams, our National Youth Director, on his visit to the editor's office today.

The Youth Conference was held in downtown Fort Worth, Texas, in the famous J. Frank Norris Temple, March 24-26. There were officials and special delegates from the entire Southwestern group, including Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, and New Mexico. Many hundreds are asking and expecting this kind of congress next year.

COVER PICTURE

This beautiful scene is of the Lebanon Mountains in northern Palestine. The name signifies "white." They have limestone cliffs and the peaks are covered with snow the year round. The two ranges run ninety miles parallel, from southwest to northeast, with an average of 6,000 to 8,000 feet elevation. Between the ranges is a very fertile valley, some six to eight miles wide. The cultivation is wonderful. Fig trees cling to the naked rocks; olive trees grow in abundance. One of them can be seen in the foreground in this picture. Figs, mulberries, and grapes are plentiful.

Lebanon was originally inhabited by the Hivites and the Gilytes, Joshua 13:5, 6; Judges 3:3. The whole mountain range was assigned to the Israelites, but they never possessed it.

One can just keep looking at this exquisite mountain serenity and scarcely feature that only a few miles to the south, in the Holy City, Jerusalem, a war is raging that will likely be felt all over the world, for this is important territory and the age-long differences are here coming to clashes. There are now six armies, three of the Jews and three of the Arabs, who are expecting assistance from Ethiopia. They are lined up from Dan to Beersheba. Many nations are intensely interested. In fact, this spot is so important in the fulfillment of prophecy that practically all Christendom is watching. Just what next will happen it seems that no one knows.

This photo is by Harold M. Lambert.

Lloyd George said: "I would not mind the liquor traffic so bad if it would be responsible for the homes and lives it wrecked."

—Prohibition National Committee.

The Power of the Holy Spirit

Anonymous

"Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts," Zech. 4:6.

The Church needs spiritual power. The Holy Spirit is its only source of power. Human influence is inadequate. Human resources are not sufficient. Human wisdom falls short of the mark. Will power cannot accomplish it. Learning and education are unsuccessful. God can use all these things when put in their proper places, but unless they are accompanied by the divine-human power of our Lord Jesus Christ, brought to us in the Holy Spirit, they are in vain. Man and the world need more than reform; they need regeneration, a new creation, and creation demands divine power.

The forces of wickedness with which we have to contend are not merely human, but demoniacal and satanic. We need to bring against them human, angelic, and divine power.

We need supernatural weapons and not carnal. "The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds."

There were mountains in the way of God's people in the time of the prophet Zechariah; through the power of the Holy Spirit, God had to make these mountains a plain. God intends us to trust Him for everything. He becomes the secret of power to us and the source of all resource. He is glorified in using those who have little to commend them and in making resources that seem inadequate to be more than enough.

The God who can feed a multitude with five loaves and two small fish is our God.

The God who never let the widow's cruse of oil fail, nor the barrel of meal waste is our God, and the God who can conquer Goliaths with a sling and a stone is our God.

The God who can still the tempest and dry up Jordans and Red Seas is our God.

The God who can heal all manner of sickness and disease is our God.

The God who conquered Satan by His cross is our God.

The God who has power to subdue all things unto Himself is our God.

The God who can feed a nation in a wilderness for forty years is our God.

The God who converted a Saul of Tarsus is our God.

The God who has promised to pour out His Spirit upon all flesh before the great and notable day of the Lord come, is our God.

Friends may fail, enemies may persecute, all our resources may dry up like Elijah's Cherith, but God still has a way.

Stephen Merritt, of New York, was the undertaker who had charge of the funeral of General Grant. He was also mightily used in preaching the Gospel and always put things in his own characteristic way. We heard him tell of a man who had been in prison, who came to his office for help and advice. The man said, "Mr. Merritt, I heard that you sympathized with a fellow in trouble and I am going to tell you the whole truth. I have been in Sing Sing prison for eleven years and I do not know what to do; I do not have any trade, I do not have any money, I do not have any friends, and I do not have any place to go. All my friends are in prison and I was just on the point of committing another crime to be sent back to prison, when someone told me of you. Now, Mr. Merritt, what would you do?" Mr. Merritt looked at him and said, "I do not know what I would do." The man was insistent and continued, "But, Mr. Merritt, put yourself in my place. I have no trade, no money, no friends, no place to go." Mr. Merritt looked at him and repeated, "No trade, no money, no friends, no place to go. Why, you are the emptiest fellow I ever met. You would make a capital fellow for the Holy Spirit to get hold of. The trouble with most of us is that we are filled with other things. Why, man, let the Holy Spirit come in your heart and He will be money in your pocket, Friend by your side, a place to go, and He will be everything to

you."

The man, disappointed and astonished, quickly withdrew and walked on till he turned a corner, where he stood still and said to himself, "What did that old fellow mean anyhow? He did not know me, talking religion to me! When I was in prison and the preacher came around and asked me if I was a Protestant, I said, 'No, I am a Catholic'; and when the priest came around and said, 'Are you a Catholic?' I said, 'No, I am a Protestant,' and that is all I know about religion. But that old fellow said that God's Spirit could come into a man's heart and be everything to him." And not knowing that he was praying, the man looked up and said, "O God, if you can come into a man's heart and be everything to him, please come into mine."

A strange impulse seemed to fill him; he walked a long time and then under the same impulse, he crossed the ferry to the New Jersey side and kept on going, he knew not where. When morning came, he found himself in Newark, N. J. Following this same inner monitor, he went into a large place to inquire for work. He asked the man, who seemed to be in charge, whether he had any work for him and the man looked up and roared, "No."

He went out, but was not discouraged, and walked on. Soon he saw another large business establishment, and following the inner guidance, he asked, "Do you have any work for a man?" The one addressed replied in a quick tone, "No, sir." As he started to go out, the man called to him and said, "How long were you at your last place?" He replied, "I was eleven years in . . ." "All right," interrupted the head of the firm, "go into the next room and report to the superintendent and he will tell you what to do."

It was not long until the man was promoted and in a short time became confidential secretary to his employer. Then the conscience of the man troubled him and he feared that he

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Jesus' Trial Illegal in Thirteen Accounts

The Chelan County Bar Association sat as an imaginary court of appeal and heard a review of the trial and conviction of Jesus, nineteen centuries ago, from a legal and historical viewpoint, with a simulated demand for a reversal of judgment on the grounds that the verdict was illegally arrived at and unjustified in view of the evidence presented.

The appeal, presented by Wenatchee Attorney Sam R. Sumner was originally given by Judge H. L. Krapp, La Jolla, California, a personal friend of Sumner, who gave Sam a copy.

James Arneil, president of the Bar Association, in introducing Sumner, pointed out that all statements of fact were authentic, taken from the Bible, either directly or by reasonable inference.

"All propositions of law are taken from the Mosaic Code as found in the Bible, or from other records of Jewish law, such as the Talmud or Mishna. Only the language has been modernized," Arneil said.

"There were really two distinct trials: the first, before the Great Sanhedrin under the Hebrew law on charges of sedition and blasphemy; the second, before Pilate and Herod under the Roman law on the charge of treason. Only the Hebrew trial was considered at this time," Arneil added.

The trial resulted in a verdict of guilty. There was no court of appeal. The audience was asked to imagine themselves such a court and imagine the speaker as attorney for the accused.

Sumner said, in part:

"Honorable judges, one hour ago the trial of Jesus before the Great Sanhedrin ended in a judgment finding Him guilty of blasphemy and condemning Him to death. I appear before this court seeking a reversal on the grounds that it is contrary to law and not supported by evidence." The plea was based on thirteen specific points.

1. The members of the Sanhedrin were legally disqualified in this case because of enmity to Jesus.

2. The Jewish law prohibits all pro-

ceedings by night. Therefore, the arrest was illegal for this reason, and the entire trial contrary to Hebrew law. It was conducted at night because the priests feared the people with whom Jesus was popular, and tried to keep the proceedings secret.

3. The private examination by Annas was illegal. In the Talmud it expressly provides that no judge sitting alone shall interrogate an accused.

4. The indictment was illegal for two reasons. It was twofold and vague, which Mosaic law forbids, and it was made in part by Calaphas, one of the judges.

5. The proceedings were illegal, because the court convened before the offering of the morning sacrifice.

6. The trial was illegal because it was conducted on Friday. In cases of capital crime the law provided that no trial should be commenced on Friday, because it is unlawful to adjourn such cases longer than overnight, or to continue them on the Sabbath.

7. The trial was illegal because it was concluded within one day.

8. The verdict was illegal because it was based upon an uncorroborated confession.

9. The judgment is void because the verdict was unanimous. The Hebrew law provides that a unanimous verdict

REVIVAL

Mullins, S. C.—The fire is still burning in Mullins, S. C. We have just closed the best revival the Church of God has ever had, so states some of our older members. In this revival there were twenty-one saved, seventeen sanctified, seventeen filled with the Holy Ghost, and ten added to the church.

Of course the devil tried to hinder the revival. Brother Murphy, our pastor, was seriously ill with pneumonia, but God sent one of His children from Dillon who, with our evangelist, prayed the prayer of faith, and God instantly healed him. Someone was sick almost all the time, but the Lord blessed anyway, in every service.

rendered on the day of the trial has the effect of acquittal.

10. It was held in a place forbidden by law.

11. The trial was illegal because the high priest rent his clothes. The rending of clothes is an expression of extreme abhorrence with the Jews, and was done by Calaphas as a dramatic gesture to impress the court with the enormity of the crime of the accused.

12. The balloting on the verdict was irregular. No ballot was taken. The members voted in one body by exclaiming together, "He is guilty."

13. The verdict is illegal because the merits of the defense were not considered.

Sumner pointed out that when Jesus was questioned by the high priest as to whether He was Christ, the Son of God, He replied, "I am." This was immediately taken by the Sanhedrin as conclusive proof of blasphemy. Manifestly, it could only be blasphemy if the statement were false. Therefore, it was the duty of the judges to receive evidence and consider whether Jesus is indeed the Son of God.

Concluding, Sumner said: "Honorable judges, it is not for me to prove, nor for you to decide, that Jesus is in truth the Son of God. You have only to decide the legal question whether that was not an issue in the case upon which the trial court should have received evidence, and of that I think there can be no doubt.

"Honorable judges, I say to you that if the verdict stands, this day will go down to future ages as the blackest day in the history of the human race. It will be nothing less than judicial murder."

Since Brother and Sister Murphy have come to Mullins, the Lord has surely blessed, with twenty-five additions to the church. We now have eighty-two members. Our Sunday School has increased from approximately seventy-five to one hundred and fifty-five.

Brother Otis Motes and wife were the evangelists. Their preaching and singing will never be forgotten. The sermons were food to our souls, and I am sure no one will ever go wrong in securing them for a revival. We love them very much, and pray that God will bless their efforts in His service anywhere they go. They are whole-heartedly in the Lord's service. —H. R. Williamson, Clerk.

Church of God on the Air

Note: Ministers, please help us keep these announcements correct by notifying us of any changes in your programs. Thanks.

ALABAMA

Church of God, Cullman, over Station WKUL, each Sunday, 8:45 p.m. 1340 Kc. D. L. Barret, pastor.

Rev. C. T. Douglas, over Station WKAX, Birmingham, 900 Hz., daily 1:30-2:00 p. m.; Sunday 1:00-2:00 p. m.

"Gospel Message," over Station WCOV, 1210 Kc., Montgomery, Sunday, 8:45-9:15 a. m. M. D. Harwood, pastor.

Sylacauga Church of God, over Station in Sylacauga, 1340 Kc., Sunday 7:00-7:30 a. m. O. O. Philen, pastor.

Rev. Carl Green, over Station WJOI, Florence, Sunday, 9:00-9:30 a. m.

"The Gospel Hour," over Station WSGN, Birmingham, 610 on your dial, every day, 5-6 a. m. and Sundays 7-8 a. m. Frank Johnson, pastor.

Alabama City, over Station WGW, 570 on the dial, Monday through Friday, 4:40-5:30 p. m.; Saturday, 3:30-4 p. m. J. D. Bright, pastor.

ARIZONA

"Church of God Hour," over Station KSUN, Lowell, each Sunday morning, 8:30-9:00 F. W. Patterson, pastor.

Mesa, over Station KARV, every Sunday morning 9:05-9:30, 1400 on your dial. R. F. Kirkland, pastor.

ARKANSAS

West Memphis, over Station KWEM, 990 on your dial, 7:15-7:45. Fred W. Ellis, pastor, River View Church of God.

CANADA

Western Canada, over CHAB, Moose Jaw, Sask., 800 Kc., Sunday, 8:00-8:30 a. m.; Monday, Friday, Saturday, 9:15-9:30 a. m.

FLORIDA

Manatee, over Station WDHL, each Sunday, 9:00-9:30 a. m. J. B. Ellis, pastor.

Fort Myers, over Station WINK, each Sunday, 8:30-9:00 a. m. E. M. Ellis, pastor.

"Pentecostal Echoes," over Station WCLE, Clearwater, 680 Kc., 1000 watts, each Sunday morning, 8:30-9. Clyde Ogle, pastor.

Orlando, over Station WORZ, 740 on the dial. Each Saturday, 9-9:30 a. m., EST. A. V. Howell, pastor.

GEORGIA

Rossville, West Gordon Avenue church, over Station WAPO, Chattanooga, Tenn., each Sunday from 6:30-7:00 a. m. Tommie F. Harper, pastor.

North Rome, over Station WRGA, each Saturday from 9:30-10:00 a. m. C. E. Richard, pastor.

Atlanta Church of God, each Sunday, 8:30-9 a. m., EST., over Station WGST, 990 on your dial. The LeFevre Trio and Jim Waits singing; A. M. Phillips, director.

Tennille Church of God, over Station WMLT, 1340 Kc., Dublin, Ga., each Sunday, 2-2:30 p. m. Rev. Joe Cleghorn, pastor.

Vidalia, over Station WRQN, 250 Kc., each Sunday, 9:30-10 a. m. D. H. Stewart, pastor.

Radio Evangelistic Hour, over Station WDAK, 1340 on your dial, each Sunday morning, 7-7:30, EST. L. O. Peck, pastor-director, Church of God, Columbus.

"The Gospel Light," the Church of God, Wesley Ave., Thomaston, 8:30-9 EST, on Station WSPT.

"Sunrise Devotion," over Station WGAC, Augusta, each Sunday 7:30-8 a. m., 5,000 watts, 590 on your dial. Max L. Atkins, pastor.

Blackhear, over Station WAYK, Waycross, each Sunday, 8:30 a. m. EST. B. D. Gore, pastor.

"The Church of God Hour," over Station WBIX, each Sunday, 3:30-4 p. m. J. W. Daniel, pastor, Trion.

"Morning Devotion," Albany, either over Station WALB or WGPC, each Thursday, 9:45-10 a. m. W. E. Wright, pastor.

Marietta, over Station WFOM, each Sunday, 4-5 p. m. Every three months, 9:45-10 a. m. T. Y. Black, pastor.

"The Way to Christ Service," over Station WHBB, Fitzgerald, 1240 Kc. Lindsay F. Pratt, pastor.

Thomas, over Station WTWA, 1240 on your dial, each Saturday, 9-9:30 a. m. M. J. White, pastor.

ILLINOIS

Station WEBQ, Harrisburg: 1. Each Monday, 3-3:45 p. m. Eldorado, V. B. Rains, pastor; West Frankfort, A. G. Phillips, pastor. -Alternate programs.

2. Each Tuesday, 3-3:45 p. m. Benton, W. J. (Bill) Brown, pastor.
Each Sunday, 3:30-4 p. m., Creal Springs. Irene L. Boner, pastor.

KANSAS

"Church of God Gospel Hour," over Station KIND, 1010 Kc., each Saturday, 8-8:30 a. m. W. E. Dowdy, pastor.

KENTUCKY

"Spiritual Strength for Today," Harlan, over Station WHLN, 1230 Kc., Monday through Saturday, 8:15-8:30 a. m. F. R. Harwood, pastor.

LOUISIANA

Covington Church of God, Rev. E. L. Newton, pastor, Sunday afternoon from 3-3:30 over Station WSLA, 1110 Kc.

MICHIGAN

West Flint, over Station WMRP, 1510 on the dial. Sunday, 1-1:30 p. m. E. E. Winters, pastor.

MISSOURI

Leadwood Church of God, over Station KFMO, 1240 Kc., each Sunday, 8:30-9 a. m. Chas. W. Conn, pastor.

"Word of God," Cantwell, over Station KREI, 1350 Kc., each Sunday, 3-3:30 p. m. Geo. L. Britt, pastor.

"The Bread of Life," Bonne Terre, over Station KFMO, 1240 Kc., each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9:30 a. m. C. W. Florence, pastor.

Parma Church of God, over Station KBOA, Kennett, each Sunday, 3 a. m. L. J. Potts, pastor.

MONTANA

Lewistown, over Station KXLO, 1230 Kc., 1:30-2 p. m. M. L. Lowe, pastor.

NORTH CAROLINA

Wilmington, over Station WMFD, each Sunday, 8:00 a. m. 1400 Kc. P. H. McCarn, pastor.

Bladenboro No. 1 Church of God, over Station WTSB, Lumberton, N. C., from 9-9:30 a. m., 1340 Kc. J. W. Powers, pastor.

"Church of God Hour" over Station WGNC, Gastonia, each Saturday from 1:00-1:30 p. m. Rev. Floyd Timmerman in charge.

Roanoke Rapids, over WCBT, each Saturday at 2:30 p. m. Floyd A. Beger, pastor.

Rocky Mount, over Station WEED, each Sunday morning 8:30 to 9:00, 1250 Kc. on the dial. G. F. Carter, pastor.

Church of God, Sanford, over Station WWP, 1050 Kc., 1000 watts, each Sunday, 8 a. m. H. B. Turlington, Jr.

"Church of God Hour," Draper, over Station WLCE, 1490 on your dial, each Sunday, 8-8:30 a. m. J. H. Daniels, pastor.

Church of God, Mooresville, over Station WEGO, Concord, 1410 on your dial, each Sunday, 8:30-9 a. m. G. E. Weatherby, pastor.

Lexington, over Station WBU, each Sunday, 2:30-3 p. m. W. O. Lambert, pastor.

"Henderson Church of God Hour," Saturdays, 10:30 a. m.; Sundays, 8:30 a. m. R. E. Conner, pastor.

"Full-Gospel Radio Service," each Sunday morning at 8:15, over Station WGBC, Greensboro, N. C. 980 on your dial, 1,000 watts. H. T. Durden, pastor.

Wadesboro, over Station WADE, 1210 on the dial, each Saturday, 7:30-8 a. m. R. F. Collier, pastor.

"Radio Revival Time," Thomasville, over Station WTNC, 790 on your dial, each Sunday, 7:30 a. m. T. W. Day, pastor.

West Durham, over Station WHHT, 1560 on the dial, Tuesday through Saturday, 4:30 p. m. Sunday, 8:30-9 a. m. Roland Verrico, pastor.

NORTH DAKOTA

Bismarck, over Station KGGU, Mandan, N. Dak., each Sunday morning, 9-9:30, CST, 1270 Kc. Ralph Brostrom, pastor.

Minot, over Station KLPM, each Sunday 5-5:30 p. m., CST. Oscar Backman, pastor.

OHIO

Canton, Sunday through Friday, 8:45-9 a. m., Station WCMW, 1060 Kc. Rev. G. W. Hodges, pastor.

Findlay, each Sunday morning, 8:30-9, Station WFIN, 1330 on your dial. Rev. Jesse F. Lavender, pastor.

Hamilton, each Sunday afternoon, 2:32-3, Station WMOH, 1450 on your dial. Rev. S. G. Brock, pastor.

"Church of God Devotional Hour," over Station WFPB, Middletown, 910 on the dial, Sunday, 9:30-10. D. A. Biggs, pastor.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Langley church over WGAC, Augusta, Ga., 1300 Kc., each Sunday from 8:30-9:00 a. m. Carl Cox, pastor.

Columbia church, over Station WCOS, 1400 Kc., each Sunday 8:30-9:00 a. m. E. M. Mortenson, pastor.

Dillon, over Station WDSC, 800 on your dial, each Sunday morning from 9-9:30; also each first Sunday from 11 a. m. to 12 noon. W. R. Craven, pastor.

Anderson, "Church of God Hour," over Station WAIM, Wednesday and Friday, 5:30-6:00 a. m.; Sunday, 6:55-7:25 a. m. 1230 Kc. B. E. Ellis, pastor.

North Greenville, over Station WMRC, Sunday morning, 7:00-7:30, 1490 Kc. Presented by the young people. W. L. Edgar, pastor.

Greenwood, "Radio Gospel Hour," over Station WCRS, 1450 Kc., 9-9:30 a. m. each Sunday. F. L. Muller, pastor.

Lancaster, "The Sunshine Hour," over Station WRHI, Rock Hill, 1340 Kc., 2:00-2:30 each Sunday. L. R. Patterson, pastor.

Rock Hill, "Full Gospel Radio Hour," over Station WRHI, Rock Hill, 1340 Kc., 2:00-2:30 p. m. Sunday. J. L. McCoy, pastor.

Charleston Church of God, over Station WPAK, 730 Kc., each Sunday, 9-9:30 a. m. EST. L. W. McIntyre, pastor.

"Zion's Call," over Station WPAK, 730 Kc., 7:30-8 a. m. J. A. Whitlow, pastor, N. Charleston.

"Gospel Faith Hour," over Station WESC, Greenville, 660 on your dial, and WPAK Charleston, 730 on your dial, each Sunday morning, 7:30-8.

Walterboro Church of God, over Station WALD, 1490 on your dial, each Sunday, 9:30-10 a. m. L. J. Stone, pastor.

"The Sunday Morning Bright Spot," Florence, over Station WOLS, 1230 Kc., each Sunday, 8:05-8:20 a. m. W. Frank Smith, pastor.

Greenville, over Station WESC, each Sunday, 7:15-7:30 a. m. Over Station WMRC, 1490 Kc., each Sunday, 8:30-9 a. m.; each Saturday night, 11-12 o'clock. Earl P. Paulk, pastor.

TENNESSEE

N. Cleveland, over Station WBAC, Cleveland, 1340 Kc., Monday through Friday from 3:45-4 p. m., each Sunday from 9-9:30 a. m. James L. Slay, pastor.

South Cleveland, over Station WBAC, Cleveland, 1340 Kc. Each weekday, except Saturday, from 10:15-10:30 a. m. Each Sunday from the church from 11:45-12:15 p. m. J. A. Bixler, pastor.

"Fountain of Life" Program, Sweetwater Church of God, over Station WLAR, Athens, 1450 Kc. Each Saturday morning, 11:30-12. EST. Clyde Caraway, pastor.

Elizabethton, over Station WBET, 1:30 p. m., weekdays, 8:00-8:30 a. m., Sunday. J. D. Wilson, pastor.

Memphis, over Station WMP, 7:30 a. m., Sunday. J. D. Free, pastor.

Cookeville, over Station WHUB, 9:00-9:30 a. m., Saturday. R. M. Strong, pastor.

Alton Park church, over WAPO, Chattanooga, 1:00-1:45 p. m. and 10:30-11:30 p. m., Saturday, J. D. Smith, pastor.

Eighth Avenue Church of God, North Knoxville, over Station WIBK, 800 Kc., every Saturday, 8-8:15 a. m., and every Sunday, 12-12:30. C. J. Hindmon, pastor.

"Inspiration Hour," East Chattanooga, over Station WAGC, 1450 on your dial, Monday through Friday, 4:30 p. m.

"Full Gospel Broadcast," Missionary Ridge, over Station WAPO, FM, 5,000 watts, 1150 on your dial, 11:15 a. m., CST. Thea F. Jones, pastor.

"The Word of God," over Station WDEF, Chattanooga, 1340 Kc., daily, 4:45 p. m., and Sunday, 9 a. m. Albert H. Batts.

TEXAS

Church of God, Mineral Wells, over Station KORC, 1140 on your dial, each Saturday, 8:30 a. m. Earnest M. Smith, pastor.

VIRGINIA

Martinsville, over Station WMVA, each Saturday from 10:00-10:30 a. m. Rev. Fred Hopkins, pastor.

"Rock of Ages," Schoolfield Church of God, over Station WDVA, Danville, each Sunday, 8:30-9, EST, 5,000 watts, 1250 on your dial. Roy Douglas, pastor.

WASHINGTON

Longview, over Station KWLE, 1400 on your dial, each Sunday, 9-9:15 a. m. Clarke E. Goodman, pastor.

WEST VIRGINIA

"The Full Gospel," Church of God, Central Avenue, Oak Hill, over Station WOAY, 860 on the dial, each Saturday, 3:30-4 p. m. W. W. Snuffer, pastor.

The Right Ammunition

Text: "And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had . . .," 1 Sam. 17:40.

By Rev. C. G. Paschal

Introduction

Our text suggests the thought of ammunition, the *right ammunition*. Much has been said during the last conflict about ammunition of various kinds, and nations strove to manufacture the best and most effective ammunition with which to combat their opposition. As a result of these efforts, TNT and other powerful destructive agents have been developed. The crowning achievement so far has been the atomic bomb. Scientists are now working furiously on gases and other agents of destruction, and it is thought that our next war may be a "germ war," in which germs of disease shall wipe out whole nations in a short time.

I am thinking of ammunition in terms of the Scripture—ammunition to be used in the salvation of men's souls, instead of the destruction of men's bodies. The preacher who goes into the pulpit with an empty "gospel gun" is going back home without any "game." I do not speak in irreverent terms when I say this, for I think the Scripture clearly bears out the thought of ammunition in connection with this great program of salvation. Follow me and you will see.

Moses' Rod

"And the Lord said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod."

Gangsters often speak of their gun as a "rod." The rod that Moses had was not a gun as a gangster uses, but it was the instrument God suggested that he use in the deliverance of the children of Israel from Egyptian bondage. With that rod, he did signs; such signs the magicians of Egypt could not equal in full. His rod became a serpent and swallowed up all the serpents the magicians made. So it is with the full gospel (ammunition); it shall prevail over all man-made doctrines and theories. The man of God will do well to use what he has in

hand. It is not my purpose to condemn the right kind of theological training, but when a substitute gospel is resorted to and taught instead, great woes will be the result. When preachers in the pulpit more often quote the work and sayings of our world's great theologians than the plain, simple, unadulterated gospel, they are using the "wrong ammunition" and will have a dull and fruitless ministry. When their sermons are made up plainly of a chain of interesting episodes about the little poodle dog that lost his mistress in the middle of New York City, and was sitting huddled up in the corner walling as if his poor little heart would break, etc., tales designed to stir up human emotion and sympathy, instead of the pure gospel, the results of their ministry will be "names only" and not souls. Some illustrations are good in bringing out points of the gospel, but to spend our time in the pulpit telling a continual chain of "sob stories" is losing game that little pellets like that will never reach. It was said that Dwight L. Moody, perhaps the most fruitful soul winner of our time, had as his only ammunition the following books: *Webster's Dictionary*, *Cruden's Concordance*, and the *Bible*. Of the latter, it was said he had a great knowledge of its contents. It may never be your privilege to take extensive training in theology, but we may well arm ourselves with the best ammunition when we use and study His Word, rightly divide it and preach it in the power of the Spirit. Our "game bag" will not be empty when we get home.

Jael's Tent Peg

"Then Jael Heber's wife took a nail of the tent, and took an hammer in her hand, and went softly unto him, and smote the nail into his temples . . ." Judges 4:21. A tent nail, or peg, and a hammer was all the ammunition Jael needed, and knowing

how to use them, she went softly over to destroy Israel's number one enemy, Sisera. We should take pattern in our ministry from those who were successful, then we shall find that we, too, can enjoy success.

Some of us preachers spend our time harping and humming and hawing about "bob-haired Susies, painted-face Jezebels, mossy-backed hypocrites, snuff-dipping mamas, tobacco-chewing papas," etc., in a "Didn't I get them told, brother" attitude, when we could "go softly" with the right weapons and ammunition, and accomplish our ends completely. In other words, we spend our time chopping off branches, when we ought to be digging up the tap root of sin. We make so much noise crowing about what we are going to do that we never have any time left to do it. We are like the little boy who found a fox sleeping and began to voice aloud what he was going to do with the fox's pelt when he killed him. The fox awoke at the noise and slyly and quickly put the distance between them that spoiled the little fellow's plans. Using the right ammunition is just as important as the gun we carry. No hunter goes bird hunting with buckshot for ammunition, neither does a squirrel hunter attempt to bring squirrels down with bird shot. We should use as much wisdom in getting the gospel to our congregations—give it to them in its "life-giving form." Paul says, "The letter killeth but the Spirit giveth life."

Empty Pitchers and Lamps

"And he divided the three hundred men into three companies, and he put a trumpet in every man's hand, with empty pitchers, and lamps within the pitchers," Judges 7:16. They had no swords, no spears, no bows, no weapons of war, yet they had the right ammunition. Plenty of trumpets, empty pitchers, and lights were all the ammunition they needed to complete-

ly rout the Midianites. All the man of God needs is a trumpet, shouting victory, vessels sanctified, empty of all worldliness and meet, or fit, for the Master's use, and His word, which is a "light unto our pathway and a lamp unto our feet." We need that above all else in our warfare against Satan and his kingdom. Blown trumpets, broken vessels, shining lights for God—that is as I see the pattern for us Church of God ministers to promote His kingdom.

Five Smooth Stones

One of our preachers said the five smooth stones spoken of in my text represented the doctrines of repentance, regeneration, sanctification, the Holy Ghost baptism, and divine healing. I would not discourage the brother, but I am thinking that would cover plenty of the right ammunition. Of course, it would include all the doctrines of salvation—the word of truth rightly divided. We sing of "little David and his sling," and some have suggested that as the origin of that ribald song, "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition." Anyway, when he came back, the virgins of Israel sang, "Saul has slain his thousands, but David his ten thousand." It took only one of the five stones David chose to do the job, and David was a man who took no chances. He was not like the man who went bird hunting with one shell and jumped a dozen coveys. The story does not need retelling. You all know it. David won the victory that day, and the Philistines took to a disorderly retreat. Our lesson from the text is *preparedness*. The minister who goes into the pulpit with an empty bag (no ammunition) will beat the air (thrash his congregation), leaving it with a heavy heart, and with defeat written on his face in capital letters. Preparing for that important hour does not necessarily mean you must have an outline that is a masterpiece in doctrine and grammatical perfectness. Such sermons are often without Spirit and life, but it is very important that they be chosen as directed of the Spirit, rightly divided, and presented as unctonized of the Holy Ghost. Such messages call for prayer, consecration, and study—summed up in a nutshell, *preparedness*.

Others

Time and space both fail me when I think of Samson and the jawbone with which he slew a thousand Philistines; the conquest of Jericho, and

other similar events in which God gave the victory; but suffice it to say that the RIGHT AMMUNITION USED THE RIGHT WAY ALWAYS WINS.

Fasting and Prayer

"Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting," Matt. 17:21.

We gather from the Scriptures that *prayer* and *fasting* are both formidable, the right ammunition in warring against Satan. Some devils are so well fortified they can be moved only by men who have fasted and prayed.

In south Georgia, a few years ago, the writer was conducting a revival in a place which was considered "God forsaken and devil taken." Our attendance was as slim as a toothpick, and the interest was at a low ebb. Also, we were discouraged by the older members of the church, who gave us no hope of having a revival. Older preachers than I had come and gone without success, and they said there was no use for me to try. However, I resolved to spend a day in fasting and prayer. I did so, and every seat in the church was filled that night. The altar was filled with seekers and six were saved, four sanctified, and two baptized with the Holy Ghost. After that, preaching was as easy as eating pomegranates and pound cake. The best revival they had had in years followed.

We preachers are too prone to pamper and pet ourselves and live on the bounties of the land, just drifting along with the tide, and being content with just *carrying on*, when if we would fast and pray and know the pangs of "miss-meal colic" for a change, we could have conversions and revivals, and the tide would be high. Addition always appeals to me when it comes to gospel arithmetic.

Our Faith

"... this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith," 1 John 5:4b. Last but not least is the ammunition of faith—our faith. Without it we cannot please God or defeat the devil. When we fire the gospel gun, we must have faith that it will accomplish its end. We need not fear to go anywhere, if we are well supplied with the ammunition of faith.

A story is told of a young preacher who took his ragged, gospel tent into one of the wickedest towns in America, a town that had almost entirely sold out to the devil. Two great evangelists had preceded him, without success. They laughed when they heard of

his venture. Armed only with a tear-stained Bible, an old steel guitar, a few badly worn song books, and his unshakable faith in God, he began his campaign. On his first night, he sang "Old Satan, Your Kingdom Must Come Down." His sermon kicked back into his face like a mule. All the powers of the underworld and hell were arrayed against him, but he still looked up and trusted God. That night his little tent went up in smoke, and his seats became a pile of ashes. Fortunately, there was a street light near, and the next night he began his service as if nothing had happened. A crowd gathered to hear him. He did not mention the burning of his tent even once. He merely sang a few songs, prayed a prayer, and preached the message that lay so heavy on his heart. For the invitation song, he sang the "Great Judgment Morning." No one responded until he reached the chorus after the second stanza. Then the ringleader of that wicked town was seen making his way to the newly built altar beneath the light pole. Others followed, some screaming as if they were slipping into the very brink of hell itself. All the evangelist had time for that night was to go from one to another, giving instructions about how to be saved. Six were saved. The next night, a large circus tent stood over the ashes of the old tent, filled to overflowing with people who came to see and hear what the town's riot leader had to say. The evangelist did not have time for much preaching, but gave way to the testimonies of the new converts. The final results sounds unbelievable: dance halls were closed, saloons went out of business, and shows were bankrupt because of lack of attendance.

According to your faith so be it unto you. Let us lay in store a good supply of the ammunition of faith as we go into the sacred place we call the pulpit, and we shall see unbelievable results. Believest thou this?

God Rewards Fasting and Praying

JESUP, Ga.—I praise God for healing my body. He heals me every time I ask Him. I love to praise His name. Since I started fasting on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and praying at least two hours a day, the Lord really blesses me. The more we will pray the more the Lord will bless us. I feel so much closer to Jesus and I want everyone to pray for me to be what He would have me be.—Mrs. J. L. Anderson.

Foreign Missions

All the World—
Every Creature

J. STEWART BRINSFIELD
Executive Missions Secretary

A Rough Trip But Jesus Was Present

On Saturday, February 27, I left by boat for the convention in Turks Island. It was a very beautiful day in Kingston when our boat pulled out of the harbor, but we hadn't gone far out to sea until we encountered heavy waves. As a result, most of the passengers on the boat, including myself, became sick. I spent most of the afternoon lying down, but by evening I went out and hung over the railing.

Sunday morning, the sea was much calmer until toward evening when the sailing became rough again. Monday morning, the sea was rather calm. After about forty-seven hours on the water, we finally sailed into the beautiful harbor of Grand Turk.

Our Pastor, Rev. O. O. Wolfe, many of the members, and a host of friends were at the wharf to give us a welcome. In a short time we found ourselves walking on the narrow streets, under a dazzling bright sun, toward the house of Brother Wolfe, where we stayed. I made mention of the sun because even with dark glasses on it was so bright I could hardly keep my eyes open.

This island gets very little rain, so no vegetation grows. All the food must be imported. The chief product of the island is salt. They have large salt ponds. These are filled with water from the ocean. Because of the intense heat and little rainfall, the water evaporates very quickly, leaving only the salt. This is taken up and put in large piles close to the water front, where it is shipped to different parts of the world. It is quite a sight to see hundreds of tons of salt stacked on piles, which is sold for \$4 a ton.

Our convention started the Monday night of our arrival and closed Wednesday night. God's presence and approval was upon the convention from the singing of the first hymn to the last "Amen." We spent most

of our time teaching these people rather than preaching evangelistic messages. We shall never forget the way the people responded to the messages and how hungry they were to know more of the Word of God.

We met many of the officials of the Island while there. I was talking with one businessman and informed him that we were wanting to build a church. He told me we could get all our materials at cost through him. He said he would just turn the bills over to us as they came to him. This will mean quite a saving to us. The Government is going to purchase our present property. With the members

TESTIMONY from a Student of Lee College

Tried Another University

I am indeed delighted and pleased that I have the opportunity to give my testimony. I am happy that I can report salvation in my soul. The Lord saved, sanctified, and filled me with the Holy Ghost several years ago. Since I have known Jesus as my Saviour, I have really enjoyed living. About a year later, the Lord led me to join the Church of God and called me to preach His glorious Word.

It was somewhat strange how the Lord called me to preach the gospel. While carrying newspapers, I stopped at an old man's house who frequently made repairs on my bicycle. He wasn't saved, although he loved the Lord. He wanted me to come into his house and have prayer with him. After praying a long while, I heard the still, small voice speak to my heart, "Go and preach my Word; strengthen the feeble knees; preach deliverance to the captives, healing for the sick, and salvation in full for the lost."

I then had a desire, which I prayed about and kept in my heart, to come to Bible Training School. Last year, I attended B. T. S. in Sevierville,

giving most of the labor, getting materials at cost, and the amount we shall receive from our present property, we plan to put up a new building here.

About 12 o'clock Thursday, our boat left for Jamaica. It seemed like a great part of the people who attended the convention were there on the wharf. They kept waving until our boat sailed out of sight. The boat was loaded with 400 tons of salt. Although the sea was much rougher coming back, I stood the trip better. About 2 o'clock on the morning of the second night we developed engine trouble. It was sometime before necessary repairs were made. During this time our boat was tossed about by the angry waves like a little ball. You can rest assured that I thought of the time the disciples were caught in a storm and said to Jesus, "Carest thou not that we perish?" It was a grand feeling when our boat finally sailed into the harbor of Port Antonio, which is about ninety miles from Kingston where we live. It felt wonderful to put my feet on terra firma again. The rest of the ninety miles I made by car. We covet your prayers.—Yours in the Master's service, Henry C. Stoppe, Box 390, Kingston, Jamaica.

Tennessee, for nine months and enjoyed it very much. There I studied religious education and high-school subjects. Before school was out, I decided to go to a "modern university." I went to such a college last fall. I enrolled, registered, received my books, and signed a formal V. A. certificate of eligibility. I attended for a few days and saw it wasn't the place for a prospective minister to study. It was a place for people who were training for various secular positions, but not for me. Before enrolling in this college, I partly knew what to expect; however, I didn't know it would be as rough as it was.

I shall endeavor to explain the above statement about the college being rough. The members of the faculty, as well as the student body, probably had religion of some kind; however, it was a kind with which I am not very well acquainted. Some members of the faculty were very unchristian in their manner of conversation in the classroom. They used words of profanity, which I resented. Some of the students would come into the class-

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MODERN EVIL—DIVORCE, FORNICATION

Mrs. C. D. Clay

The Creator of the universe made man, then took a rib from his side and made a helpmeet for him—bone of his bone and flesh of his flesh—and they were made one flesh. (Gen 2:21-24.) The marriage covenant, which makes husband and wife one flesh, has been carefully guarded and protected by the providences of God through all ages, since its institution in the garden of Eden.

Jesus said in Matt. 19:5, 6, "For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder." In answer to the question asked him concerning the divorce He said, in verse 8, "Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives; but from the beginning it was not so." Therefore, we see clearly that the teaching of our Saviour is against the divorce, which is so common today.

Verse 9 reads, "And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery; and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery." The statement which seems to cause a difference in opinion is, "Except it be for fornication." Read 1 Cor. 5:1, "It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife." 1 Cor. 7:2, "Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, (not the other man's wife) and let every woman have her husband" (not the other woman's husband). It is clear that to be married to another man's wife or to another woman's husband is fornication, and the fornication of having the other man's wife or the other woman's husband is the only fornication that gives anyone a right to divorce the one with whom he or she is living and married again.

Fornication is one of the works of the flesh. In Gal. 5:19 Paul said, "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness." Verse 21, "... they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." 1 Cor. 6:18, "Flee fornication

(get away from it). Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body."

Again, we read in Rom. 7:2, 3, "For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband. So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man." 1 Cor. 7:10, 11, "And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from her husband: But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife."

I trust that enough has been said in this message to bring the light to all who read it; that it will be a guiding



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light to all who may in any way be, or are likely to be, entangled in their marriage relations, and a danger signal to all those who may be inclined to divorce and remarry, while their companions are yet living. As I bring this message to a close, I am praying that God may bless every one who reads this article.

REQUESTS for Prayer

PRAY FOR:

My sister and her husband.—A sister, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

The healing of my body.—M. A. Tate, Mullen, W. Va.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Seela Mae Hamley, Belton, S. C.

My mother.—Bessie Franklin, Hollywood, Ga.

An urgent request: my husband to be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.—Elsie Burch.

God to undertake for one who is discouraged and almost ready to give up in despair.—A sister.

My son, Wilburn, who is in the hospital at Houston, Texas, to be saved and healed of T. B. Letters of encouragement would be appreciated.—Beulah Sims, 132 E. Kerr St., Lufkin, Texas.

God to heal my sister's boy who has stomach and heart trouble and can't go to school; my boy in the Navy, that God will keep a hand on him and keep him saved; my husband to be saved; me to stay true to God; an unspoken request.—A sister, Jal, New Mexico.

Reports FROM THE FIELD

CHARLESTON DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Charleston District convention was held February 19, 20, at Charleston, W. Va. The principal speaker was our state overseer, Brother Paul H. Walker. We had preachers from over the District as well as some visiting from other districts—Brother Elmo Jennings, of the Huntington church; Brother and Sister Everly of the United church; Brother Johnson of the St. Albans and Milton churches; Brother Lanford of the Davis Creek and Pine Top churches; and Brother R. C. Scott, of Seth, besides our pastor, Brother R. B. Underwood. God certainly did bless these services.

Brother Walker showed interesting mission pictures, of Guatemala, India, and Mexico, portraying their customs, some of our missions and missionaries, and how the people of those countries enjoy the blessings of the Lord. He also brought back a native costume of Mexico. It was heart-melting and soul-stirring to see how the natives sacrifice, walking miles and miles just to hear the Word preached, and how eager they are to accept it, while here in America, with churches within easy walking distances of most of us, many of our pews are empty from night to night. He told us how deeply burdened our state secretary and treasurer, Brother George C. Cook, was for India, and how he longed to be there preaching the gospel, but for lack of funds was having to wait. This touched Brother Johnson and he gave \$10 toward the fund. It would be good if all of us were mission-minded, especially throughout the State of West Virginia, and would start an "On to India" campaign to help send Brother Cook and his family to India. Brother Holden of the Charleston Church of God has started working toward it with a dime holder. There are many ways to work for God. If we can't go to foreign countries with the gospel ourselves, we can at least help with our finances and prayers. We have it too easy here in America, to serve the Lord. We can't even imagine what the missionaries and workers go through to get the gospel to other lands. We, as the Church of

God, should get behind every one of our missionaries and would-be missionaries with our prayers and finances, so they can carry on for God. It will mean more stars in our crowns when we get to heaven.

On Friday night, Brother Walker preached on "What Is a Christian?" I think all of us now have a clearer viewpoint of the responsibilities and duties of a Christian, tithing and giving financially, as well as being a servant to others, feeling our responsibility toward God, man, and our church, doing what we can wholeheartedly and willingly. If we aren't sure what God expects of each of us as a Christian, we should search the Scriptures and stay on our knees until we are certain in our hearts just what God wants. Then we will be sure to lead souls to God by radiating Christ and His teachings in our everyday lives.

Pray for us here at Charleston, that we will keep on marching forward for God in every way. We have a fine pastor; Brother and Sister R. B. Underwood and family just can't be beat.—Mrs. H. E. Pauley, Clerk.

West Virginia Responds to Missions in Haiti

I recently received a very fine letter from Sister Lucille Settle Walker. Most of you know that Sister Lucille is a West Virginian, and is now serving as our missionary, along with her husband, Rev. J. Herbert Walker, Jr., in the Island of Haiti. She writes as follows:

"We received the *West Virginia Witness* this evening and want you to know we enjoy it. Especially was I happy to hear the good report of what West Virginia is doing in gifts and in buying Lee College notes. Having spent three years in the School, of course I think it is a great place. It surely meant a lot to me.

"I have some other news about West Virginia, however. West Virginia is letting its light shine abroad as well as at home. . . . During the Christmas season, we received a check for \$120 from Clarence and Sebert Paxton, of the Church of God at Shrewsbury, for

horses for Haiti. We have sent \$60 to the district pastor at Anse d'Hainault so that he can buy a mule for visiting churches. With the balance we are planning to provide a school for some of our children. That is another \$120 to be added to your credit for missions.

"We also received, this past week, six boxes from the church at Cedar Grove and Shrewsbury. These boxes contained toys and clothing for our orphan children, and we wish to thank all who shared their blessings with those here. My little brother shared some of his toys and clothes, and it made me somewhat homesick, yet very happy, when I saw one of our little orphan boys dressed in his clothes and others happily playing with some of his toys. I imagine there are other little boys and girls who would like to share their things. Just tell them to put them in a box, and send them by parcel post to: Church of God Orphanage, care of Rev. J. H. Walker, Jr., Box A-2, Port-au-Prince, Haiti. We can help make others happy with them. Soap, buttons, pins, sugar sacks, etc., are greatly appreciated, also.

"Thank you again for the *West Virginia Witness*. May the Lord bless you in your conventions, and may West Virginia go over the top for the Lord."

I am sure that all of us West Virginians will be happy to know that we have been a blessing in this great cause, and especially to receive this fine letter from Sister Lucille. I know that our ministry and membership will work 100 per cent to put their budget over the top this year, and come through at the close of the Assembly year with flying colors.—Paul H. Walker, State Overseer, W. Va.

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THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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This is the power which is needed to save and to transform hearts and lives. "It is not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

Not only in the salvation of an individual, but in the salvation of thousands upon thousands the Holy Spirit is waiting to manifest His power. The late Dr. A. J. Gordon recounts in his book, "The Holy Spirit in Missions," the following mighty outpouring of God's Spirit:

"The Lone Star Mission in India had waited wearily but in vain for success, till, after thirty years of faithful but seemingly fruitless labor, the proposition was seriously entertained of giving up the field. Twenty-five years ago John E. Clough was commissioned to go to Ongole in order to take up this forlorn hope. He entered on his work, when very soon a bright omen appeared. High-caste Brahmins had in several instances expressed a willingness to hear more about Christianity and had given encouragement that if a school were opened, they would send their children for instruction and contribute their money.

"The missionary's heart was overjoyed at this indication of prosperity

at last dawning upon the mission, but just at this point of reviving hope, a very awkward circumstance occurred. A company of Telegus came in from the country, seeking baptism. Having heard the Word from the lips of the missionaries and having believed unto life, they now desired to make confession of their faith in Christ. When their baptism had become known in the city, great revulsion was created in the hearts of the Brahmins. 'What,' they explained, 'know you not that it is unlawful for us to keep company with these who are outcasts? To mingle with them would be to break our caste and bring defilement upon ourselves. You must have nothing to do with these people if you expect to teach our children or to receive our support in your work.' As the missionary and his wife were sorely agitated and distressed over this new turn of affairs, they sought counsel of the Lord. Dr. Clough had resorted to his Bible for comfort and instruction, when, with no thought of turning to any particular passage, lo! the Book opened of its own accord to the first chapter of 1 Corinthians, and his eyes rested on these words:

"For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: but God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: that no flesh should glory in his presence."

"While the good missionary was pondering on these words with not a little surprise, how was his astonishment increased when his wife, coming in from another room where she had been seeking counsel of the Lord, held out to him an open Bible, with her finger resting on the same words. This text had been given to her in precisely the same way as to her husband, and, nothing doubting, both accepted it as the voice of the Holy Ghost.

"The work among the outcast Telegus was now taken up in earnest and according to the most aggressive evangelistic methods. The golden text of the Gospel, 'God so loved the world,' was sounded far and wide among

these poor people, though such a course meant the forfeiture of the golden opinions and the golden offerings of those of high caste. But the result of obeying the voice of God was precisely the same as when Peter opened the door of the gospel to the Gentiles: 'The Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.' A revival soon commenced of extent and power unparalleled in the history of modern missions, and when in the year 1878 the first fruits of this revival were gathered, two thousand, two hundred and twenty-two believers were baptized in a single day and in a single company; and when that year closed, more than ten thousand disciples had been added to the Church. Nor did this latter-day Pentecost end with a single year. The revival has gone on."

The latter portion of this text must not be overlooked, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

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Testimonies

Pours Out Blessings Without Measure

Greetings in Jesus' name! I truly praise and thank our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, our soon coming King. Beloved, sometimes it seems like God has a special liking to us at Towe's Chapel, especially for the last two Sundays and Sunday nights. He has poured out blessings on us without measure. We truly thank God for our pastor, Brother Noah Roberson, for he really feeds our souls with the Word of God. He is with us only on Sunday afternoons. My, how we love him! We have a mission work we carry on every Sunday night about four or five miles from Towe's Chapel. I tell the world Jesus is real today. He is still saving souls today just like He has for almost two thousand years. I wish I could tell everyone about my Saviour. He is worthy of all the praises we can offer and then some. Everyone pray for me that I will hold out to the end.—G. W. Fowler, Adairsville, Ga.

Looking for Jesus

I praise the Great Healer who is able to heal if we believe and accept it. Sometime ago He so wonderfully healed my body. I praise Him for the many, many times He has healed in my home. He is a friend who sticketh closer than a brother, and I love Him so much. I praise Him for saving my soul twenty-two years ago and for giving me the Holy Ghost with a determination to go through. I am looking for Jesus to descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God. I want to live an obedient life and be ready to go with Jesus.—Bertha Bowen, Stockton, Calif.

Healed of Stomach Trouble

I truly thank God for healing me of stomach trouble. I know the Lord is still on the throne and still hears our prayers. I believe if the Lord had not healed me I would not be here today. Jesus knows our every need and care. I praise God for what He means in my life and in my home. He made my home a home of prayer. Praise His wonderful name! Pray for me and my family that we will ever stand true.—Anna Weyandt, Claysburg, Pa.

Thankful for All His Blessings

I am so glad that I am a child of God, that He saw fit one day to save my soul and baptize me with the Holy Ghost. I am thankful for all the blessings He has bestowed upon me. I want to thank Him for His wonderful healing power, for He has healed me many times. Don't ever doubt the Lord, for He has all power. I trust that you who are discouraged will look to God, for He is the same yesterday, today and forever. Put your trust in One who will not forsake you or leave you alone. Pray for me that I will ever stand true to Jesus until He comes or calls for me.—Mrs. Cottie Cashatt, Lugoff, S. C.

Instantly Healed of T. B.

"I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live," Psalm 116:1, 2.

As I sat thinking of the wonderful love and mercy God has for His people, I decided to write my testimony of Jesus' great saving, healing, and keeping power.

Until seven years ago, April 7, 1939, I was bound in sin, a slave to drinking and gambling, had lost my health, my friends, and my self-respect. Then I heard the man of God tell the sweet, old story of Jesus and His love. With all my heart I sought the Lord, and He heard my cry, sanctified me wholly and baptized me with the precious Holy Ghost and fire.

On July 14, 1946, I was put to bed with T. B. in both lungs in a far advanced stage. I was X-rayed every three months. Each time the doctor would say, "No improvement." My landlord told me to move, because the other roomers were afraid, and he couldn't keep me there with them. On October 18, I was placed in the home of a perfectly strange woman, who was also sick and did not know God. I was too sick to cook my meals at times, and when I was able to cook I would be too sick to eat. God, in His mysterious way, helped me to hold on to the scripture that reads, "Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth them out of them all."

On February 1, 1947, the Lord led me to go on a four days' fast. On February 27, Sister Marcia Adkins, who held prayer services in her home at noon every day, came over and took me to her house for prayer. All the saints, except one brother, had left, and he looked at me and said, "I'll pray for you if you want me to." I said, "I'll be glad to have you do so, and please pray for my lungs." He called to Sister Adkins, who had gone into the kitchen to prepare dinner. She came out and got the olive oil to anoint me. As they prayed, the Spirit spoke to me, and said, "Believe." It seemed as though I couldn't have faith. He spoke to me three times before I could get faith. Then out of my very soul I cried, "Yes, Lord," and that moment God touched me. I cried out again, "I'm healed," and oh, what a rejoicing!

Five days later, the city nurse came and told me that there was a bed for me at Stillwater T. B. Hospital. I left for the hospital the following day. After being there twenty-four hours, I was given an examination. Believe it or not, but there was not a sign of T. B., not even a scar! I was X-rayed and given all sorts of T. B. tests, but not a trace of the disease could be found. The doctors wonder, but in my heart I'm saying, "Thank you, Jesus." I was kept there twenty-five days and then released.

I had made a vow to the Lord, that if He would heal me I would tell about it, and would go from church to church, or any other place where I was accepted, or even on the streets. I find joy in telling the story of Christ's healing virtue. I am thanking the saints everywhere for their prayers. Continue to pray for me that I may be a help to those who are bound in sin, and that I may live true and be caught away to meet the Lord in the air some day.

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SEPARATION

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religion, for, after all, we are our brother's keeper; we are responsible to our neighbor and those around us. First, we should by all means consider those among us who are weak. Should we find that we are doing or saying things which offend them, we should at once discontinue such things. "Oh well," someone may say, "I am not condemned over thus and so." True enough, you may feel at liberty in many cases, but remember Paul's warning to the Corinthians (1 Cor. 8: 9): "Take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a *stumbling-block* to them that are weak." Paul states in the 11th verse of the same chapter that Christ died for the weak brother the same as he did for the strong. In the 12th verse he states that in our causing the weak to stumble we sin against him; in so doing we wound his weak conscience, thereby sinning against Christ.

Paul thought enough of this argument that he said, "If meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no more flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend." I admit that this scripture deals with the limitations of meat as relates to Christian liberty, nevertheless we must concede that any offense, regardless from what source, that causes a brother to stumble or fall is a crime or sin against Christ. Therefore, we must separate ourselves from anything offensive to our brother. By so doing we are helping our brother to grow strong in the Lord. Then, in 1 Thess. 4:12, we have these words from Paul: "Walk honestly toward them that are without," which I construe means those who are not Christians, and perhaps many will never be Christians unless such fellows as you and I be honest with them. It is a regrettable fact that many times sinners remain so because somebody has failed to make the proper separation between right and wrong.

My Christian friend, if by your misconduct you have caused some weak brother to fall, or some sinner to miss heaven, it will be a sad day with you when at the judgment you are turned away. Have you ever heard such statements as, "I would go to the altar, but I don't want Brother A praying for me"; "Why should I seek the Lord? I am as good as So-and-so"? May the Lord help us to so live that others can see Jesus in our lives.

Then, a life separated unto God is necessary because *God demands it*; it is necessary because of *our own success as Christians*; it is necessary because of *and for the sake of others*. "Come out from among them." "Be ye separate." "Touch not the unclean things." "Be not conformed to this world." "No man can serve two masters." "Ye cannot serve God and mammon."

TESTIMONIES

God Healed Our Child

My little boy was anointed and prayed for, and the Lord heard the prayers of His people. The child has never been bothered again with this affliction. We know God healed him. Praise the Lord for it all! Pray that the Lord will increase my faith.—Mrs. Hattie Williamson, Mullins, S. C.

My Healer for Thirty-six Years

I praise the dear Lord for His wonderful love and healing power. Sunday afternoon our dear little baby was ill. Monday night she grew worse. My husband and I prayed for her. I promised the Lord if He would heal her I would testify of it through the *Evangel* and everywhere I had a chance to do so. The Lord has been my Healer for the past thirty-six years, and I know He will continue to be as long as I trust and believe Him.—Mrs. Homer Sullivan.

Jesus Heals

For twenty years I have trusted God for my healing. I have had the Holy Ghost for twenty-seven years and have been a member of the

Church of God for seven years. I have been healed of several ailments. I do thank the Lord for His many blessings to me. Hallelujah, Jesus heals!—A sister in Christ, Lula Bowman, Beattyville, Ky.

TESTIMONY OF A LEE COLLEGE STUDENT

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room with a cigarette or pipe, puffing out unpleasant odors. This was a "modern university." They lived worldly, sinful lives, at least the majority did.

Today, I am in Lee College, our Church of God Bible Training School, enjoying the blessings of God. I really appreciate the wise administration of our school. I have no stones to throw. I love and appreciate the school officials, the members of the faculty, and the student body. I think we have one of the best schools in the world, to train our youth to serve God. I do not see smoking, nor hear the use of profanity. On the contrary, I hear good singing, preaching and praying, and wholesome instruction from God-filled men and women. That is much to be thankful for in a college. May God bless everyone who reads this.—Billy W. Scott.

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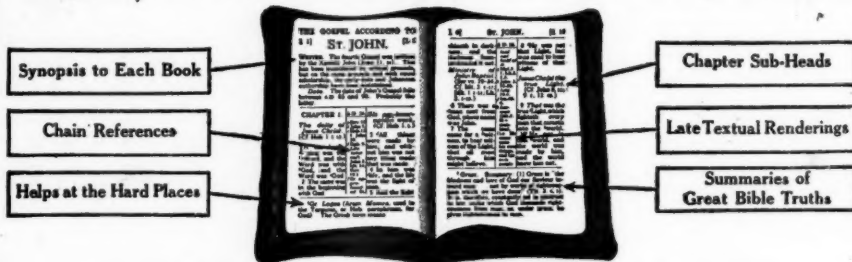
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